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Maternal Death Rates in U.S. Rose Sharply in 2021 — CDC Should Make It a Priority to Find Out Why

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must open up all data on COVID-19 cases and vaccination to researchers for urgent epidemiologic evaluation of these disturbing trends.

By **Peter A. McCullough, M.D., MPH**

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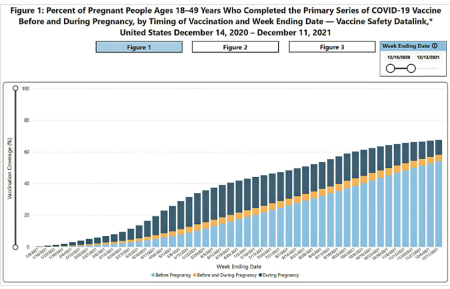
Modern obstetrical care in the U.S. has had a major impact in reducing maternal death rates over several decades.

Now there is a reversal of these trends. From the start of the pandemic, there have been reports with mixed results for mortality among pregnant women with COVID-19 infection and after COVID-19 vaccination.

Sadly, many women have had both exposures in 2021 and beyond.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately 65% of women have taken a vaccine — most before conception and the remainder through the term of gestation.

This occurred because the CDC advised that pregnant women take this risk with no assurances about the mother or baby's health through pregnancy.



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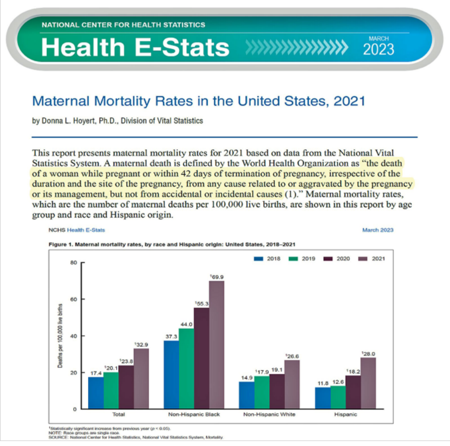
Now the CDC is reporting record maternal death rates in 2021 compared to prior decades and in the report by Hoyert et al., has shown a stepwise increase in death during or shortly after pregnancy.

All groups are up but the worst is for African American women.



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Maternal Mortality Rates in the United States, 2021

by Donna L. Hoyert, Ph.D., Division of Vital Statistics

This report presents maternal mortality rates for 2021 based on data from the National Vital Statistics System. A maternal death is defined by the World Health Organization as "the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and the site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or incidental causes (1)." Maternal mortality rates, which are the number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, are shown in this report by age group and race and Hispanic origin.

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Figure 1. Maternal mortality rates, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2018–2021

¹Statistically significant increase from previous year ($p < 0.05$).
NOTE: Race groups are single race.
SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

Credit: Donna L. Hoyert, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

While lockdowns, reduced access to prenatal care and a variety of factors could be related to maternal outcomes, the CDC report is willfully blind to major exposures:

- Acute COVID-19, which could have played a role in 2020.
- COVID-19 vaccination, which was prevalent in 65% of mothers in 2021.

The CDC must open up all data on COVID-19 cases and vaccination to researchers for urgent epidemiologic evaluation of these disturbing trends. Death among pregnant women should be a top priority for public health researchers.

Women of childbearing age and pregnant women should refrain from COVID-19 vaccination given its pregnancy category X status and the absence of any assurances on short or long-term safety.

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If one steps back and looks at the bigger picture here, it's easy to see why they push vaccines for everything DURING pregnancy. If your goal is to encourage women to have fewer children overall, then making pregnancy harrowing, frightening, "dangerous" overall will definitely get you to that goal. Just as having one autistic child almost always guarantees that's the last child a couple will have, a traumatic pregnancy will discourage another attempt at parenthood. I hear young, healthy, nulliparous women describe pregnancy as "a death threat" as if they're going to die of childbed fever like in the 1500s.. They feel like pregnancy and childbirth is the most risky thing imaginable, and so we find ourselves in a reproductive decline from which we cannot possibly recover as a society. All because women and couples "trust the science."

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Janet → Polly Green
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2016 Massachusetts-- DTAP and Flu vaccines were both pushed on me during pregnancy. I did the DTAP during pregnancy and the Flu when nursing. My son didn't have any vaccines, but this was an extreme, risky position for me to take. Dealing with modern medical professionals during pregnancy was traumatizing. They have all sorts of non-evidence based rules and if you question, they label you as "non-compliant" with the ultimate threat of calling protective service to have the baby taken away.
Maternal mortality rates are up because of the covid vaccine but also because the medical establishment does not know how to treat child bearing women properly. I could write a dissertation. Maybe someday I will.

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DLT88 → Janet
5 days ago

I remember back earlier in 2016, I think, when a pregnant woman at work (who had lost her first premie baby) listened to her MD and got the flu shot while 7 months pregnant. She went into labor the next day and delivered another premie. Then I went on-line and found a site where hundreds of pregnant women were given the flu shot -- and all had lost their babies because their bodies went into labor shortly afterwards. "They" KNEW this would happen and I think this was the same evil behind what is going on now. The smoking gun is that their MDs would not

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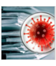
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document it or listen to them. They had to get a website so they could bond with each other because no media would touch it.

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Breaking #* 'Sharing Is Caring*'#
This May Explain the Death Rate also?
If Dr. Naomi Wolf is Correct?, hopefully RFK.Jr, CHD, ICAN, Etc., will call for 'Exigent Congressional Hearings' on the Evidence she presents in her talk to "Hillsdale College'? CCP Bio-Weapon Jabs?
"Dr. Naomi Wolf nails it in this recent Speech to Hillsdale College!"
If the Evidence she has that conjecturally alleges that CCP Red China Proxy Company's made the Pfizer Bio-Weapon Jab?
That we are now living in a potential new conjectural 'Hybrid War Era scenario', with the CCP? Conjectural "Intentional Killing Of US Citizens' by the Jab"??

That Pfizer is a German, and a CCP Red China Company her presentation?
If she is correct than the CCP, has out maneuvered the USA Dept Of Defense?
Dr. Wolf., "Communist Red China has two Vaccine Company's in USA, 'Springfield' MA, and 'Princeton', NJ!"
The Sec. Of Defense and the Joints Chief's of Staff they should Contemplate Resigning, if she is correct? IMO.

"Strange" Congress was Exempt from the Jabs, Federal Courts, and Post Office

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Polly Green ➜ GarySummers
2 days ago

I watched that earlier this week. Naomi Wolf was a big apologist for the sexual shenanigans of B. Clinton back in the day, which is proof that everyone is capable of seeing what's going on when they're really being scammed hard enough. It doesn't matter what your politics were because virtually every politician has now been purchased like a six pack of Coke. It's clear from the way the press has fallen into line over the defense leaker, who is being treated like a criminal instead of a whistleblower, that they're still in "lockstep" with the deep state overlords. Instead of publishing the info like crazy, they're braying for his head on a pike. Does nobody remember that Daniel Ellsworth was right? Assange? And all the others too. Nobody dumps info like that without being convinced the people have a right to know and our noble press were the one who found him in record time (but the SCOTUS leaker couldn't be identified?) not to get the truth out but to prove what good boys and girls they are to the Big Daddy Government. I'm surprised they don't toss Milk Bones to the press corps.
We are living in dire times indeed.

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Stephen Simac ➜ Polly Green
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childbed fever or puerperal sepsis was most common in the 19th century, when physicians routinely went straight from their autopsy science labs to deliver babies "medically" without washing their hands, still dressed in the bloody black clothes (before white coats). It took fifty years for Dr. Semmelweiss' handwashing protocols that eliminated it in 1850, to become mandated and standard hospital procedure. Still a problem with Hospital Acquired Infections, which kill or sicken hundreds of thousands of people each year. "Discredited" Semmelweiss later died in an asylum from sepsis.

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DJ ➜ Polly Green
6 days ago

My oldest son and my youngest son are on the spectrum and I have met many women who have more than one child on the spectrum. I've also met women who have one child who was on the spectrum; yet, the two or three children who came after were not.

When it comes to autism, in my experience, there is no hard and fast rule.

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Polly Green ➜ DJ
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That's because you're reasonable. I fear many are not.
Edit: Many have been taught that perfection is paramount and comfort a necessity. My own family recently welcomed a child with a rare type of trisomy and my niece's friends weren't very supportive. She and her husband aren't deterred, but that's the actual anomaly, if you know what I mean.
I also think it was more useful to have the Dx of Asperger's rather than ASD. There's a bigger difference between the child who's completely regressed right before mom's eyes after the round of shots at the pediatrician's and the child who is mildly autistic.

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DJ
6 days ago

When I was pregnant with all three of my children, vaccines were never even offered to me. Even if there were vaccines that were being promoted, I would have been given the choice. But, my doctor tended not to promote any medication if it was unknown how it would affect the fetus.

There are enough studies, including peer-reviewed studies, that show how dangerous covid shots can be. Yet the CDC continues to promote the shots as safe and effective. Even if the CDC investigated this, does anybody think that the agency would say anything that would uphold what most people already believe about the shots?

I believe the CDC is a captured agency, just as the FDA and now the EPA. There is plenty of evidence that would suggest that to be true. But, who or what has captured them? Bill Gates, the WHO, the WEF.

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Grandma Applesauce ➜ DJ
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Have you thought about secret societies and the Jesuits? All the major players in this one world order are connected to secret societies, and secret societies are run by Jesuits.

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Janet ➜ Grandma Applesauce
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Are the Masons run by the Jesuits? Hmm I think not. Masons are more powerful.

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DJ ➜ Grandma Applesauce
6 days ago

I have not given much thought to secret societies. I do know that one of my professors was a former Jesuit priest, though. He taught English composition and communication classes. He could do card tricks and he was one of the best teachers that I have had at the college/university level.

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CharlaS
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Figure 1. starts out talking about 'PREGNANT ***PEOPLE***. Regardless of what you want to call a pregnant 'person' only a biological WOMAN can become pregnant and give birth to a child.

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PDouglas
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Why? The CDC knows why. There's a blatant depop program in progress, and the CDC is part of it because *that's* its priority. "Covid" is a cold virus that's 99.998% survivable in the demographic to which women of child-bearing age belong. None of them need a "vaccine" for a cold. People who take it are just signing up to be culled.

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LinUK
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"The CDC must open up all data on COVID-19 cases and vaccination to researchers for urgent epidemiologic evaluation of these disturbing trends."
I appreciate the doctor speaking truth but for goodness sake drop the make believe that the CDC is going to do anything to stop the carnage.

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Janet
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NYC they will call protective services on a mother who doesn't let them put antibiotics in her newborns eyes. The antibiotics are to protect the baby from blindness caused by gonorrhea. Can't they just test the mother for gonorrhea rather than calling CPS?

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James Clarence
5 days ago

It is obvious to all but fools that we are now the enemy of the financial elites who now rule the politicians paid off to democide the citizens that elected them. Remember America's Stonehenge that was blown up, which had the aims/goals/and laws for humanity engraved on its pillars? Humanity shall maintain humans under 500,000,000. If my math skills are correct, it means that approximately 7 billion people must be eliminated, because the elite 1% only needs this stipulated amount until the cyborgs and their Artificial Intelligences are perfected, then the remainder of the 500 million can be eliminated to grow organs and replacement parts for those worthy of apotheosis {induction into godhood}, that is until they can receive an immortal silicon body no longer based upon the carbon atom {666, 6 electrons, 6 neutrons and 6 protons} Once that happens, the flora seed storage bank near the artic circle can be permanently moth balled and the fauna binary samples of ova and sperm of most animals can be destroyed, since men can be transformed into womb-bins and womb-bins transformed into purse carrying phallic inseminators of the womb-bins, if still needed for procreation, until the elohim create something better, perhaps parthenogenesis.

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